GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SOLAR CITIES
M. Smt. Vasanthi

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to establish solar town/cities in the country;

(b) if so, the list of such towns/cities proposed to be established, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the awareness among the public to utilize the facilities/subsidies of the Government to harness solar energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing a programme on 'Development of Solar Cities'. 60 existing cities are planned to be developed as solar cities. 55 solar cities have already been taken up so far. The State/UT-wise list of the Cities identified for developing as Solar Cities is given in Annexure.

(c)&(d): MNRE is implementing Information and PublicAwareness Programme to create publicity about technological developments, benefits of systems and devices and to disseminate information about the fiscal and financial incentives available for renewable energy including solar energy in Hindi, English and regional languages through print, electronic and outdoor media. Besides, awareness through organizing conferences, workshops, trainings, etc are being conducted regularly.